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SUBJ: BONGO REQUEST FOR ANOTHER DC-8

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING DECEMBER 5 (REPORTED SEPTTEL) BONGO SAID HE WANTED TO PURCHASE ANOTHER DC-8 FROM U.S. I REGISTERED SURPRISE AND RECALLED UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY CONNECTED WITH FIRST PURCHASE. HE BRUSHE THIS ASIDE AS INCONSEQUENTIAL AND SAID THAT, IF IT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR U.S, GOG WOULD PURCHASE PLANE DIRECTLY (RATHER THAN THROUGH AFFRETAIR) AND HE WOULD PERSONALLY SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS WE WANTED SO THAT NO POSSIBLE CRITICISM COULD BE ATTACHED TO US. HE SID PLANE WOULD BE USED TO BRING MATERIALS FROM LIBREVILLE TO FRANCEVILLE IN CONNECTION WITH SECOND LEG OF RAILROAD AS WELL AS FLY CATTLE TO GABON. PRESIDENT SENGHOR, BONGO SAID, HAD RECENTLY OFFERED GOG 5,000 HEAD OF SPECIAL BREED OF CATTLE. I GAVE BONGO NO ENCOURAGEMENT WHATEVR, BUT IN VIEW OF HIS INSISTENCE, COULD DO NO LESS THAN TO AGREE TO RELAY REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

2. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF PAST DIFFICULTIES, I DO NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND THAT WE HELP GOG ACQUIRE ANOTHER DC-8. IN VIEW OF BONGO'S INSISTENCE HOWEVER AND WILLINGESS TO DEAL
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DIRECTLY WITH U.S. FIRM, IT IS OBVIOUSLY NOT GOING TO

BE EASY TO TURN HIM DOWN. PERHAPS BEST SOLUTION WOULD
BE TO TRY TO SPEED UP DELIVERY OF L-100-30 IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE (IF ONE IS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMPLE FROM SOUTH
AFRICAN ORDER WHICH WE WILL NOT E FILLING). IN SUCH
CASE, I COULD ARGUE THAT WITH L-100-30 SOON TO ARRIVE
GOG WOULD NOT NEED ANOTHER DC-8.
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